

Rt Hon Jeremy Corbyn MP  
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Dear Jeremy,

We are current and former Labour staff, Labour members and dedicated supporters of Labour values.

We watched Wednesday night's Panorama special, *Is Labour Anti-Semitic?*, with alarm and anxiety.

The young Jewish members who revealed their horrible experiences of antisemitism in Labour deserve our solidarity and support, in actions as well as words. And we are immensely proud of the nine former Labour staff who bravely spoke out on the programme and afterwards, some in defiance of gagging clauses. They represent the best of the Labour Party.

The revelations in the Panorama documentary deserve to be treated with the utmost seriousness. But the Party's response has been to smear Jewish victims, and former staff, accusing them of acting in bad faith. These are dedicated 'civil servants' of the Party, who quit jobs they cared deeply about because their working environment was so toxic that it had severe consequences on their mental wellbeing, prompting one staff member to consider suicide.

The way the Party has threatened and denigrated these whistleblowers is appalling, hypocritical and a total betrayal of Labour's core values. Exposing racism and corruption represents Labour values in action, and these whistleblowers should be thanked, not demonised.

This shameful communications strategy is the creation of your office, which was criticised in the documentary for interfering in disciplinary cases involving alleged antisemitism, and has cynically used the party, and its outriders, to amplify a smear campaign against critics.

But this crisis is ultimately your responsibility. Despite your repeated assurances, Labour's institutionalised antisemitism is worse than ever. It is now so bad that the Equality and Human Rights Commission is investigating whether the party has actually broken the law by discriminating against Jews. Labour created the EHRC to protect our rights and challenge discrimination; to be investigated by it now is a mark of shame. This has all happened on your watch. The crisis has moved beyond a question of rules and disciplinary processes, to a question of a political culture, and crucially, leadership.

For anyone to have confidence in your interest or ability to deal with this crisis, and remove the stain of antisemitism from the Labour Party, there are questions you need to answer.

Did you know your most senior aides were interfering in antisemitism cases and overruling the staff assigned to investigate them? Why has Labour HQ become such a toxic workplace? Why do you think your own words and actions have caused so much offence to Jewish people? Why are so many antisemites drawn to support you? And why has this crisis developed only after you became leader?

If you aren't prepared to face those questions in public, from an experienced interviewer, then Jewish people, Labour members and the public will have to draw their own conclusions about your fitness to lead

the Labour Party, or a Labour government.

As its leader, the moral responsibility for Labour's antisemitism crisis ultimately sits with you. Own that responsibility, or give it away to someone who will.

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